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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Short et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/458,569  
Filed: December 8, 1999  
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR REDIRECTING  
USERS HAVING TRANSPARENT COMPUTER  
ACCESS TO A NETWORK USING A GATEWAY  
DEVICE HAVING REDIRECTION CAPABILITY

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Group Art Unit: 2152  
Examiner: Mehmet B. Geckil



Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002 in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 1-16, and Group II, namely Claims 17-23. Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-16) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims. Kindly, cancel, in the present application, the claims directed to the non-elected Group II, namely Claims 17-23.

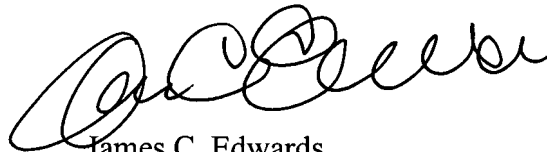
Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or related fees are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event

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that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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